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SECRETARY'S PAGE

We have only a few days left in which to make further preparations for our forthcoming Reunion. On Tuesday morning, April 11th, the Reunion will begin and we look forward to having the privilege of conferring the degrees upon the largest class we have yet assembled. Of course the exact size of the class will depend upon how diligently our members work between now and the starting hour of the Reunion. Fortunately, the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies are blessed with some of the finest, some of the most faithful and energetic members of which any Valley can boast and we have sufficient faith in them to know that they are going to utilize every bit of energy they have to make this the best Reunion ever.

On the back cover of this issue you will note a picture of the Harnett-Crayton House which is located just across the street from the Scottish Rite Temple and which is one of the homes on the Historic Homes Tour. Brother Paul Crayton, 32°, the owner of the house, is likewise one of our good 32° Scottish Rite members and he and his family take a special pride in welcoming Scottish Rite Masons and their wives to the home.

Also, included in the tour is the magnificent Lodge Room of St. John's Lodge No. 3, which is a part of the Scottish Rite Temple. This room with its intricate hand-carved early wood work is extraordinary. The painting of the Lodge Room with symbolic Masonic decoration was the work in 1857 of a prominent fresco artist by the name of E. M. Medernach. This adds further dimensions of beauty to this historic site. The cornerstone of the Masonic Temple, St. John's Lodge, was laid in 1801. Entrance to the Lodge Room is through the Scottish Rite Temple at the main entrance, Corner Hancock & Johnson Streets. St. John's Lodge Room, like the other houses on the tour, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

From the reports that have been coming in to us in the last few days it would certainly appear that we have every reason to be optimistic concerning prospects for the "Outward Reach Reunion". For this we are indeed grateful. Keep the three days in mind, April 11, 12 and 13, and in the custom of our ancient Jewish Brethren, "let those days be as frontlets for your eyes".

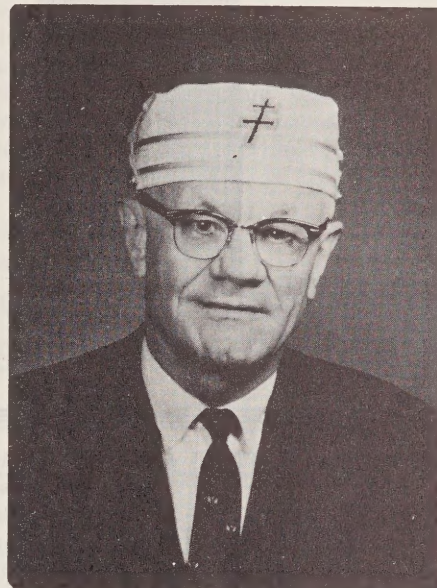
In recent weeks we wrote every member of the last Reunion's class of candidates telling them that we were depending on them to be our very best salesmen for the forthcoming Reunion. With their help, we look forward to seeing you on April 11th and we confidently predict that the size of this class will be an inspiration to everybody.

In the meantime, let's get those candidates for the "Outward Reach Reunion".

Sincerely yours,

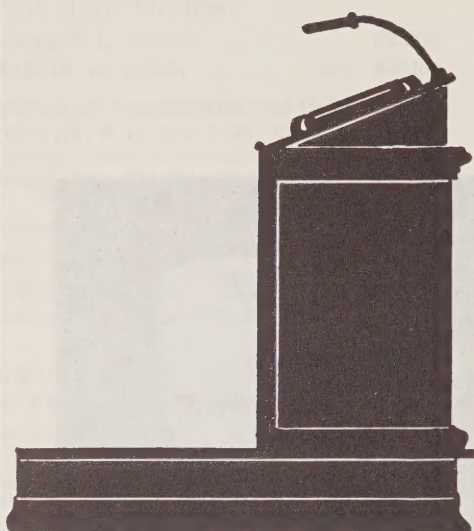
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From The Classroom



BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

THE MINISTRY OF MASONRY

Masonry for years has been defined as "a system of Morality veiled in Allegory and illustrated by Symbols." But, my Brethren, this statement does not fully or adequately define Masonry. There is a depth to Free Masonry of unknown proportions; it is as wide as the ocean and as deep as the seas. When we study its History, its Ritual, and its Purposes, we constantly discover new meaning and philosophy and new avenues of service to God and to all Mankind. In the Blue Lodge, many questions confronted my mind. These answers came to me in the Scottish Rite, in the York Rite, and in the Shrine. Yet, even there I found myself strangely confronted with new sets of questions; the answers for which I am still searching.

The Ministry of Free Masonry then,

is not to provide you and me with any set mode of conduct to follow; it cannot be adequately defined. The Beauty of our Masonic Philosophy will never really be found unless it is put to work; and, if it is really put to work, it will never be confined to the Lodge Hall for it will surely find its way into the community, its churches, its schools, and into the State and Nation as well. There it becomes a part of the World Order.

I say to you, my Brethren, the Ministry of Masonry is wrapped up within Man. It means far more to some than to others and yet all were a part of the drama that unfolded before us. With some men, the richness of its Fellow-

ship has been as refreshing as the morning's dew. Yes, some have found the true meaning of Brotherhood in the Supreme Architect Himself standing forth within the shadows keeping watch above His own. Some men have found new depths of Faith totally unknown to their fainting hearts before. The greatest single need in the world today is a recovery of family life and Faith. People everywhere are crushed by frustration; we hopefully are looking for a new day. It will take Faith, a new dynamic Faith, a firm belief in the presence of a Supreme Being. This is another ministry of Free Masonry, but it only comes to those who search for it and to those who

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are willing to tune their hearts and souls in the direction of the Eternal.

Freedom is another great Ministry of Free Masonry, but here again it does not come in bundles; it cannot be bought or sold; no dictator can give it away. It cannot even exist where a dictator rules. Freedom can only come in the amount that we as individuals want it to come. Freedom can only come to us by our own vigilance in seeking to preserve that which is a part of us. Free Masonry came to this Country clad in the robes of Freedom; it came to us as a gift from our forefathers; it did not come as a hand out and it cannot be secured by that method. I need not remind you of those stalwart souls of Free Masonry who gave it to us. I need only to mention the names of Franklin, Washington, Adams, Madison, Wythe, Patrick Henry, and countless others. I need only to say that the Mayflower Compact, the Constitution of the United

States, the Declaration of Independence formed a part of this gift of Freedom. We can only preserve it by trying to secure it. For Masonry must take a positive stand in today's picture. Our Institutions, our Churches, our Schools, and our Government must remain free.

The Ministry of Masonry rests with us; there is no other place for it to abide. It depends upon your vigilance, your willingness, your readiness, and your determination to act upon it. It was given to us by those who dared to use the same method; otherwise, we would not have had it. Free Masonry, my Friends, is hard to define. I could never say that it was a "System of Mor-

ality veiled in Allegory and illustrated by Symbols," and stop there. There can be no doubt that for many it has stopped there, but let us thank God for those who have tried to live it and who have tried to pass on to others its noble precepts and righteous principles. This is what we are the recipients of, otherwise, Free Masonry would have been lost in the ages past. The Ministry of Masonry rests with you, my Brethren, "What shall it be?" Let us hope and let us pray that this was Masonry's shining hour and that we left it untarnished and unfettered for future years as a priceless heritage for future generations.

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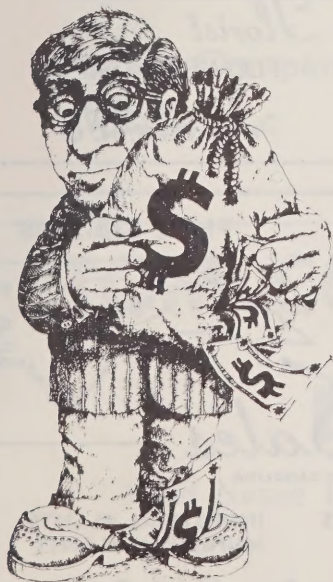
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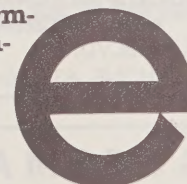
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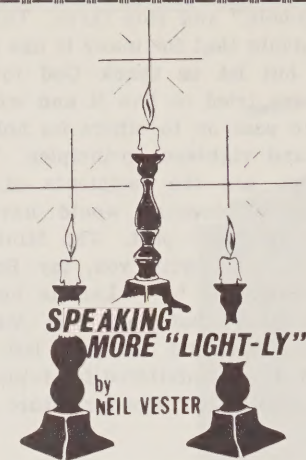
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If a good deed I may do.

To a suffering fellow man,
Let me do it while I can.
No delay, for it is plain
I shall not pass this way again.

—Unknown

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Speaking in Quotes: Lady Godiva was the world's greatest gambler because she put everything on a horse.

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The easiest way to tell the difference between young plants and weeds is to pull everything up. If they come up again, they're weeds.

* * *

Golf is a lot like taxes - you drive hard to get to the green and then wind up in the hole.

* * *

An income tax form is like a laundry list - either way you lose your shirt.

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How come, if necessity is the mother of invention, so much unnecessary stuff gets invented.

Speaking With the Ladies: A young bride had not come out very well with her first encounter with the cook book and the gas stove. She ran to the telephone and called her mother.

"Mother," she sobbed, "I don't understand it. The recipe says clearly, 'bring to a boil on brisk fire, stirring for two minutes. Then beat it for ten minutes.' And when I came back again, it was burned to a cinder."

* * *

Gazing fondly at his attractive nurse, the hospital patient told the doctor.

"Wonderful nurse you've got here. One touch of her hand cooled my fever instantly."

"I know," answered the doctor, "I could hear her slap clear to the end of the corridor."

* * *

It was at an important local dance that Mrs. Brown found it necessary to protest to Mr. Brown.

"Do you know," she said, "you've been to the bar six times this evening?"

"That's all right, my dear," he replied. "I tell everybody I'm getting something for you."

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"What does your husband do?" one wife asked another.

"He's an expediter."

"What's that?"

"Well, it's hard to explain but if we women did it, they'd call it nagging."

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Speaking in Jest: A man with a worried look on his face ran into a drug store

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and asked the druggist if he knew a way to stop the hiccoughs. Without warning the druggist slapped him in the face. Amazed and angry, the young man demanded that the druggist explain his unusual behavior.

"Well," said the druggist, "you don't have the hiccoughs now do you?"

"No," answered the young man, "but my wife out in the car still does."

* * *

A college professor was invited to the Dean's house for cocktails. Later, realizing that he had exceeded his normal capacity, the prof was determined that no one should be aware of his indiscretion. As the party neared its conclusion, the wife of the Dean decided to show the latest addition to her family, and presently a nurse appeared carrying a bassinet containing twins. The prof looked into the bassinet and, trying to sound as normal as possible, said "My, what a beautiful baby."

"So you're not bothered any more with relatives coming and staying?" asked Jim.

"No," answered Paul with satisfaction. "I borrow money from the rich ones and lend it to the poor ones, and none of them come back."

* * *

First farmer: "Don't think much of that weather prophet the government's got on the radio."

Second farmer: "Well, let's don't do any complainin' about it. Just think how bad it would be if the government started regulatin' the weather instead of predictin' it!"

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Speaking from His Book: He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Rom. 12:8

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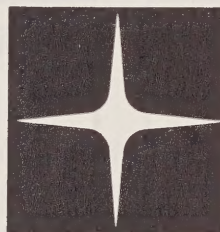
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Reynold Davenport, 33°

Mary Frances and I felt real modern and a little safer with one of these smoke alarms positioned right outside our bedroom door. We figured if there ever was a fire the alarm would wake us in time for us to cut our throats jumping through a window.

Our alarm was one of those plugged into the house circuitry, though, and I'd get sort of nervous each time I'd hear or read about one of that type actually starting a fire. I kind of wanted one of the battery jobs.

The alarm itself resolved the matter. It gradually got so sensitive it would sound off if you lit a candle in the dining room - which we don't do, we eat in the kitchen. One day it started broadcasting like maybe Mrs. O'Leary's cow had gone and kicked over another lantern. We expected to be engulfed by flames leaping at us from every direction. We searched the house, though, and there just wasn't anything anywhere making any smoke. The only thing I could figure was I had just been getting ready to light a cigarette but I don't think the alarm knew it, I hadn't mentioned it.

We opened doors and windows and we fanned the alarm with magazines but



Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

the thing wouldn't give up, it kept right on insisting we were in the midst of a blazing inferno. I got fed up. I disconnected the alarm and retired it.

A few days later I went out and bought a battery operated alarm. But when I got back to the car I remembered all those times I'd bought something and had gotten all the way back home before dis-

covering it wouldn't work. So I put the battery in the alarm, rolled up all the windows, lit a cigaret and started puffing.

The alarm worked. Boy! it worked. I was in the little car and the alarm was making a whole lot more noise than the available cubic footage was ever calculated to bear up under. The smoke, of course, was still in the car and the alarm kept right busy telling me about it. The only solution was to bail out and give the thing some fresh air, which I did. I jumped out on the sidewalk, still holding the alarm and it still screaming like a banshee.

There was this little fellow coming down the sidewalk, I'd guess he wouldn't

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weigh over a hundred and twenty. He was about my age, I reckon, although I suspect he wouldn't want to admit it. When he saw me leap out of the car with that gadget howling in my hands he took a sort of half-hop and came down with his legs all astraddle. His mouth dropped open to an extent all out of proportion with the rest of him - you could have stuck a football in it. And he sort of bent over and pointed at me. There just isn't any way to adequately describe the pose he struck, and he didn't hold it for more than two or three seconds, then he whirled about and lit out at a pace that would shame a deer. He was soon out of sight.

I got in the car and left. It was just possible that little fellow might come back with the police and the bomb squad and I don't know what all. The alarm, thank goodness, had signed off just as

soon as it had gotten a few gulps of fresh air.

On the way home I got to picturing the way the little man had looked, standing there with his legs all spraddled out, his mouth looking like a tunnel entrance, and his finger pointed at me like an accusing dagger. And the way he ran was just something to see. I got to laughing so hard I had to pull over and park for a minute or two.

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 11, 1978

- 10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Thomas Anthony Tatarinowicz, H. L. Lundy, Marshall Harvey and Lee K. Allen.
- 10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptill, Dewey Gillikin, Leroy Price, H. L. Lundy, W. C. Kellum, Bill Stovall, T. H. Miller and Irvin Garrish.
- 11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Leslie H. Garner, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. J. Rogers, Chas. P. Gaskins and Paul Jewett.
- 12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. Frank Noble, L. L. Parker, Bill Stovall, I. H. Carson, Elmer Burroughs and Billy Haire.
- 1:00 P.M.— Luncheon.
- 2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Sam Taylor and Tom Carraway.
- 3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, Elijah Cannon, Gus Laube, W. C. Kellum and W. Stanley Kellum.
- 4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., J. L. Ashley, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly, Dusty Rhoades, Royce Jordan, Garland E. Taylor, John H. Lilly and Elmer Burroughs.
- 4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., William C. Kellum, Elmer Burroughs and Dalton Bright.
- 12°—Communicated.

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5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Pete Thomas and E. P. Blair.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards' Night.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Marshall Harvey, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptill, Tommy Phelps, Bob Divoky, Howard B. Constant, Jack Edwards, William N. Vestal, Jr., Jerry Stapleford, Oscar Kafer, III and Billy Haire.

Wednesday, April 12, 1978

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. W. C. Chesson, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Chas T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhoades, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree, Billy Haire, Jesse Vail, Gus Laube and Guy C. Langston.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Pete Thomas, Edward Ray Edwards, Roy Edwards, Karl Van Horn, Jim Coile and Rudolph Guirkins.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Warren H. Coolidge, Joe Dryden, R. Hoyt Randall, Ernest C. Yelm and Harold B. Fisher.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. Oscar Aldridge, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey, Gus Laube and Jack Edwards.

22°—

23°—

Communicated.

24°—

25°—

5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell, Royden Caulk, Frank A. Smith, Thomas W. McCree, F. N. Yopp and Jesse Sellers.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, W. R. Newell, A. T. Willis, Jr., Wm. R. Waters, W. H. Scott, Bill Blair, William N. Vestal, Jr., Elwood Cayton, Roger Dalton, Tommy Phelps and Harold Mills.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Walter T. Kirby, Wilbourne M. Smith, Everett Brothers, Carlce Williams, Theron Dabbs, Wilton Walker, Jr., Herbert Lang, Stuart Horner and Lester Spruill.

Thursday, April 13, 1978

9:00 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 33°, Master. Assisted by Clifton White and Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: James H. Bailey, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. Herndon Alexander and Dalton D. Bright.

3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.

4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony, E. S. Sasser and Herman L. Barnes.

11:45 A.M. —Luncheon.

1:00 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, Pete Thomas, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson, Neil Vester and Gus Laube.

3:00 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carroll Mercer, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall, C. W. Guptill, Gus Laube, Ralph Dudley and Jerry Stapleford.

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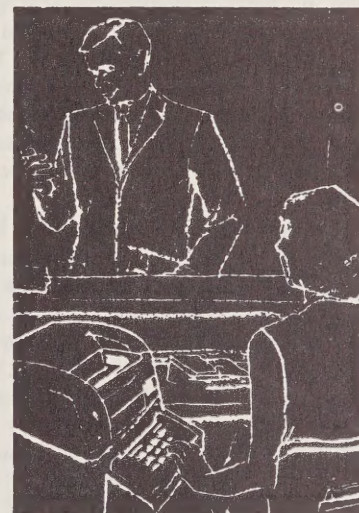
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BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

IS MASONRY A GROUP MOVEMENT?

A crowd can be a strange, ugly, frightening, compelling thing! The individual's responsibility and self control vanishes when the mob spirit comes in. We have seen this evident in our own nation this year in dramatic ways. Values tend to evaporate. There are things done in the crowd which one would not do as an individual. One can give approval in the crowd which does not imply personal commitment of the individual.

Most people love a procession—the moving crowd, the tense feeling of excitement or elation, heightened by pagentry or music. These things seem to quicken the pulse of an individual. Yet, we need to ask ourselves at these times: "Are we, as Masons, a part of a movement; or, have we made a personal commitment to those things which are being affirmed?"

In so many crowds it is the few who move the rest. As we are so often a part of a crowd today, it is well that we should seriously ask ourselves what our attitude really is. A crowd, let us remember, does not have to be a great gathering of people. The reader of his newspaper or a listener to the news may become a part of a great crowd. Those of us who sit from time to time and review the great lessons of our craft may become a part of a crowd. The question that is before the house, however, is this: "Do we wait to take our cue from others, so that we may go along with the crowd, echoing the cry of excitement, being captured by the prevailing mood?" Once hav-



Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

ing started with them, it is hard to break the ranks. When we are within the lodge room it is not difficult to affirm the tenets of Masonry. Outside the room, do we not often remain discreetly silent when the tenets are attacked by the actions of men?

We ought to remember that the crowd can be swayed and moved by the few who are resolute and determined to know

their own minds. If every Mason among us were to make his presence and influence felt in every crowd, our world could be greatly changed for the better. It is not easy to stand in contradiction to the prevailing moods and opinions of the crowd. Yet, this is our task, as I see it—to stand staunch amidst the races of men to proclaim brotherhood, charity, relief, and perpendicular living.

In any procession there are usually three distinct groups: those who are in front, those who are in the middle, and those who lag behind. So often, those in the front outrun the leaders and never really learn the secret of what it is all about. They bear the name of the movement; but, they do not bear the stamp of the movement. Those who lag behind simply do not know what it is all about! They have associated themselves with something—what that something is, is not known to them. They just move as they are pushed with the crowd. It is always those who are in the middle—those who are close to the seat of the teachings who really know the secret. They would have at least this to say to those of us who are Masons: Whenever we assume that we know more of the secret than the Great Architect; whenever we attempt to build with our own designs; whenever we out run "our lights", we always fail! Those who lag

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behind are they who join us and promptly forget that it is the craftsman who is at the center of the work who really accomplishes that for which Masonry was founded, whereas they fail. The needs are always met by those—alone—who stay close to the Great Architect, behold the designs which He would set before us on the Trestleboards of life, and travel by the illumination of the Great Light.

How can we be sure of the way? How can we be sure of our place in life? There is one certain test which we can apply. We can get back into the place at center. If our life and thoughts are brought to the test of the teaching of Masonry, we shall find the inspiration and illumination which we need. We shall discover the secret of that courage which we need for a resolute stand against the compulsions of the crowd. We shall

neither outrun, nor fall behind, those whose supreme joy it is to be close enough to the Master of living to hear His words and to feel His presence.

A man's finest hour is not that hour when he stands acclaimed by the world. It is not that hour when the plaudits of man come fast and loud. Rather, a man's finest hour is when he wrestles unseen, uncheered, often unknown in the private chapel of his soul. It is when he wrestles with the destiny of his immortal soul and comes out victorious. He is able to be victorious because he has received his instructions from One who

knows what life is all about.

Let us not be misled by the flattery of the crowds, its favor is fickle. Let us treat it with no more concern than we give to its jibes and jeers. The one sure test is this: How close are you to the Master Craftsman. With Him is light and truth and love, such as none other can give—and none can take away. The Royal Secret reveals that the causes of Masonry are causes which do not need the cheers of the crowds. The need is from Craftsmen who will employ the tools given them. Masonry is not a movement; it is a personal commitment.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS



Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Thursday night, Feb. 23, 1978, at 7:00 P.M. which had been postponed because of bad weather. This was an oyster roast with our President, Brother Harold Phelps, Vice-President Brother Dan Pittman, and Putt Landing serving as hosts.

We had an excellent dinner and attendance for this meeting. President Harold Phelps presided; Brother W. C. Chesson gave the invocation.

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It was in the critical year 1776 that a young American author named Tom Paine sat by the light of a campfire and wrote a pamphlet entitled, "The Crisis", in it he appealed to the people to support the cause of liberty.

One phrase stood out above the others and arrested attention. He said, "These are times that try men's souls." The distribution of the pamphlet met with a

stirring response among soldiers and civilians alike.

Paine's statement might well be a description of our own period for our times are seriously out of joint, and we are increasingly aware of the hard impact of social turmoil and bewilderment.

The apostle Paul also lived in trying times. How sensible and calm in his advice to his fellow Christians. He said in effect, "You have a responsibility for acting in a courageous and reasonable manner. Be sensible! Take every opportunity for teaching the Gospel. Here I am in prison, but my world hasn't been blacked out. My hope and ambitions are not lying in ashes. In fact, my bondage is a rare opportunity to test my faith and to think more about the message of Christ." Christians have a great opportunity in these troubled times to restore men's faith in the worth of the individual.

Jesus addressed Himself to the task of revealing to individuals their dignity and worth. He saw how cheaply men were regarded and how often they held themselves in low esteem. No sins came in for more severe castigation than those which reflected a contempt for others or for the self.

Sir Frances Bacon was one of the great intellects of the world. Even though he sought to find a philosophy for control-

ing natural forces, he ignored the necessity for controlling the moral forces of his own life, so he went down in disgrace.

Scottish Rite Masons have a challenging opportunity to show by their manner of living that they believe in a God Who has revealed the durability of life and the supreme worth of the individual in spite of the cynicism and social pressures of our time.

Another opportunity must be recognized and used, namely, the need for a closer relationship with God. Alienation from God is a major problem of our time. It seems from the gradual dulling of our spiritual sensitivity through self-indulgence and the abhorrence of self-discipline. Part of it may be due to a mistaken idea of God.

One can sympathize with an individual who has been driven away by a stern, revolting concept of God as has often been preached, a God who delights in torturing and terrorizing a man into being good. But it must also be observed that we have watered down our idea of God because we want our religion to be soft, pliable, elastic, bending like a plumber's snake to suit our individual whims.

By the continual stretching of our beliefs, they become flabby and are no longer capable of holding us to the path of moral and spiritual excellence.

Yes, these are times that try the souls of men. We dare not act thoughtlessly and set back the clock of civilization.

Out of the darkness of these moments God's will is being realized - the God of the prophets of ancient Israel; the God of Jesus in Gethsemane and the Cross; the God of Paul, stoned, ship-wrecked, beaten, imprisoned, and martyred; the God of the Psalmist who could say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble."

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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club was the guest of Melvin and Meyer Libman at their sixth wedding anniversary party which was given at their home in Plymouth, Saturday evening February eleventh. More than 150 guests attended the 'floating' affair party.

Roasted oysters, pig-picken and barbecued chicken were prepared out of doors while several tables were arranged in the two car garage for a stand-up meal. Coffee and bottled drinks along with other accessories were available for self-service.

Some guests carried their plates to other areas where they found seats. The dining room, den and living rooms were all crowded with guests. The Libman's spacious breezeway which was enclosed, was arranged for guests. One section was arranged with tables of hor d'oeuvres and 'finger' foods, including several home made cakes of Melvin's own recipe.

Meyer Libman joined the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club while a resident of Belhaven many years ago and continued his membership after moving to Plymouth. He is the immediate Past President of the club.

Ashley G. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H.

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The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, March 5 at the Washington Masonic Lodge. This was a charcoaled steak cook-out with each member bringing his own steak and

utensils and the club furnished the accessories. Robert Mohler and Charles Baldwin with their wives served as hosts. Thirty-eight members were in attendance. President Herman Jones presided and Ashley Leggett gave the invocation. W. E. (Bill) Bass, Jr. and his wife, Helen, were the guest of the club. Bill is a member of the Sudan Chanters and is a prospective candidate of "The Outward Reach Reunion" to be held in the Valley of New Bern, April 11, 12 & 13. He is a Sales Representative of WITN-TV. They live in Smallwood, of Washington.

At the business meeting there was much discussion of the Ladies Night Party which will be held at the Town and Country Restaurant in Williamston on March 15th. Fruit Punch will be served prior to dinner and a dance will be held following the program. This party will be a Tri-County affair hosted by Martin, Beaufort and Washington Counties.

Meyer and Melvin Libman were congratulated for the wonderful anniversary party given at their Plymouth home on February 11th.

President Jones announced that approximately 40% of all members of the Scottish Rite in the Washington area are now members of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club. He also presented drafts of letters to non-members of our club and to widows of deceased members.

Future plans of the club were announced, including at least one or more 'old fashion' picnics during the Summer. Also a Mothers Day program is being planned to be held on Sunday, May 7 at the Dairy Barn in Chocowinity. The financing of this party will be \$1.00 per person with the club paying the remainder of the cost.

Following the business meeting, a program of slides of their recent visit to Japan and China was presented by Florence and Robert Mohler.

Our next regular meeting will be held

at the Washington Lodge No. 675 and will be a 'herring' fish fry on Sunday, April 2nd with Willie Gray Hodges, Roy Edwards and Edward Ray Edwards with their wives serving as hosts.

Ashley G. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The regular meeting met at Tuck's Restaurant with 21 members present.

Our President, Brother Joseph Winslow, Jr., 32°, called the meeting to order. Brother Walter Kirby, 33°, gave the invocation. All were welcomed by our President. We then had a delicious meal, after which Brother Winslow announced that he had the cast for our upcoming Maundy Thursday ceremonies lined up.

We will meet at Hall's Lodge on Thursday the 23rd at 8:00 P.M. for the Extinguishing of the Lights. On Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M. We will meet at Eureka Lodge in Elizabeth City for breakfast, then we will have the ceremony of Lighting the Lights.

Bro. Winslow also asked everyone to line up candidates for our Spring Reunion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until our next meeting which will be held at Tuck's Restaurant on May 1st.

Sincerely yours,

T. R. Dabbs, Secretary

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club met as usual at the VFW Hut on Monday, February 13, 1978. We were happy to have 21 members present, the best turnout in quite some time. Brother M. C. Batten, 32°, gave the invocation before we sat down to a delicious charcoal broiled steak dinner, including a most delightful tossed salad.

After the meal was complete, a drawing

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for the attendance prize was held. The member whose name was drawn was not present, hence there was no prize awarded.

Brother J. C. Koon, 32°, called the meeting to order. Brother Bob Taylor, 32°, gave a brief report on the status of the treasury of the club. An article entitled, "Now and Forever", from the November copy of "New Age" was then presented by Brother R. L. McCoy, 32°, who made a very interesting presentation. Brother Ernest F. Albritton, 32°, then presented an article from the latest copy of "Bagpipe", tracing the teachings of the basic Lodge which carry over into and are enlarged upon in the Scottish Rite. This also was very interesting.

Brother W. Bruce Cannon, 32°, read a poem which Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Leslie H. Garner, 33° used on occasion in lieu of a Benediction. The meeting was adjourned.

Howard O. Reynolds, Jr., 32°
Scribe

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

The Morehead City Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting which was called to order by Vice-President Thomas A. Wade, Jr. The order of business was the forthcoming reunion. The members were told that the Ladies' Night would be March 24 and that the names of prospective candidates should be turned in to the Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. There were 20 members present.

Claude Sawyer, 32°
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New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Monday night, March 13, 1978, at 7:30 P.M., with twenty-four members present. President W. C. Kelum presided; Brother Harry W. Crump gave the invocation.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved; a Treasurer's report was given and dues collected.

Brother Robert L. Pugh gave interesting information on the forthcoming Reunion, "Outward Reach Reunion," and urged members to continue efforts towards making this "our greatest Reunion." The list of potential Scottish Rite candidates given to the members at the February meeting was discussed; during the discussion it was noted the progress in obtaining candidates was slow. Brother Pugh presented another list of newly made Master Masons from various lodges and again urged members to follow up contacts with these potential candidates.

Plans were made for a dinner, Saturday, April 8, 1978, at seven P.M., at the Bern Restaurant for prospective candidates. The following committee was appointed to finalize the dinner plans:

Johnny R. West
L. T. Barrington
S. Frank Noble, Jr.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Brother Robert L. Pugh.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford W. Heath, Secretary

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Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club met March 10, 1978 at the New Hope Community Building in New Hope. Attending were 39 members and 5 new candidates for the April reunion. A steak supper with french fries and 35 pounds of steamed onions was enjoyed by all. New candidates were advised of and invited to the Ladies' Night in Edenton on March 17, 1978. Several brothers made comments for the good of Scottish Rite Masonry including Brother Clinton Bunch, K.C.C.H.

The meeting was then closed in peace and harmony.

D. J. White, Secretary
Matt Spivey, Jr., President

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting at Bill's Barbecue and Chicken Restaurant at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday evening March 1, 1978.

Brother Marvin Evans was incapacitated at that time with an eye problem and asked yours truly to preside in his absence.

Brother C. C. Burris gave the invocation and after a delicious meal was enjoyed by all present our regular club business was conducted. Two major points of interest discussed at this meeting was ways and means of obtaining new candidates for the Spring Reunion to be held in New Bern, and ways of en-

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After concluding club business, Brother Carl Aycock introduced our guest speaker who gave a very interesting talk accompanied by slides in advertising and mailing procedures.

Fraternally yours,
J. B. Purcell, Secretary

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club held their meeting at the VFW Hut on Monday, March 13, 1978. There were 21 members present.

Brother W. Bruce Cannon, 32°, our District Deputy Grand Master, gave the invocation, after which all present enjoyed charcoal broiled steaks with all the trimmings.

Brother Ernest F. (Buddy) Albritton, 32°, presented a very interesting article from the "New Age" magazine. Brother Cannon, 32°, then made several remarks concerning Masonry in general.

The drawing for attendance prize was made and Brother R. L. (Bobby) McCoy, 32°, was the winner.

Brother Bruce Cannon, 32°, gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club	1st Sunday each month	6:00 P.M.	Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. Extension
Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club	1st Monday in January, 1st Monday in March 1st Monday in May, 1st Monday in September		
Grifton Scottish Rite Club	2nd Monday each month	7:00 P.M.	VFW Hut, Hwy. 11, South
Martin County Scottish Rite Club	1st Wednesday each month	7:30 P.M.	To be announced
Morehead City Scottish Rite Club	4th Tuesday each month	8:30 P.M.	Masonic Hall,, 204 S. 18th St., Morehead City
New Bern Scottish Rite Club	2nd Monday each month	7:30 P.M.	New Bern Scottish Rite Temple
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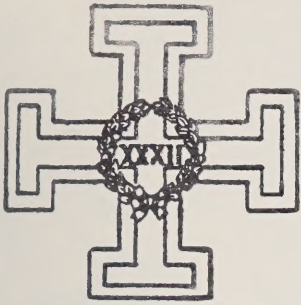
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